

Amendments to th Claims

In the Claims

A complete set of the existing claims is set forth below, with the amended claims showing deletions (strikethrough) and insertions (underline).

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1. (Currently amended): A method of composing an electronic document, comprising the steps of:
- a) storing structure region information associated with ~~relating to~~ at least two independently formattable regions in a the electronic document; and
 - b) storing content information ~~infor the~~ for the at least two ~~content fields~~ independently formattable regions in the electronic document, wherein ~~the structure of the electronic document is governed by the structure information and the content of the electronic document is governed by the content information,~~ the structure information and the content information being stored in a single file.
2. (Currently amended): The method of claim 1, wherein each independently formattable region field ~~is~~ is associated with pre-selected content information ~~assigned a unique content field.~~
3. (Currently amended): The method of claim 1 further comprising, ~~step (c) storing attribute information in at least two attribute fields,~~ wherein the attribute information and the content information are associated with the structure region ~~information.~~

4. (Currently amended): The method of claim 3, wherein the ~~attributes~~ attribute ~~information comprises~~ comprise at least one of highlighting, bolding, underlining, italicizing, a default language, and a background color.

5. (Currently amended): The method of claim 3, wherein each of the independently formattable regions ~~region~~ is associated with at least one of pre-selected a unique content information field and or a pre-selected unique attribute information field.

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6. (Currently amended): The method of claim 3, wherein at least one of the independently formattable regions is associated with a combination of pre-selected content information and pre-selected attribute information ~~region field has a unique combination of the content field and the attribute field~~.

7. (Currently amended): The method of claim 3, wherein at least one of the independently formattable regions corresponds to a header of an email message, and at least another of the independently formattable regions corresponds to a body of an email message.

8. (Currently amended): The method of claim 3, wherein the region information, the content information, and the attribute information are contained in a document management file.

9. (Currently amended): The method of claim 3, wherein the structure region information, the content information, and the attribute information are contained in a document management table.

10. (Original): The method of claim 9, wherein the document management table is translated into a standardized markup language prior to transmission of the document across a network.

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on* 11. (Currently amended): The method of claim 3, wherein at least one of the independently formattable regions ~~a region is associated with having a predetermined name has at least one associated~~ and at least one region default attribute.

12. (Currently amended): The method of claim 11, wherein the associated at least one region default attribute ~~may be capable of being overridden in the associated attribute field~~.

13. (Currently amended): The method of claim 3 further comprising ~~the step (d)~~ translating the electronic document into a plurality of HTML documents.

14. (Currently amended): The method of claim 3 wherein at least one of the content information and the attribute information is linked information.

15. (Currently amended): The method of claim 3 wherein ~~at least one of the attribute information fields~~ comprises a functional attribute.

1644. (Currently amended): A system for processing an electronic document, comprising:

a) a storage unit for storing, in a single file, structure region information associated with at least two independently formattable regions in the electronic document, content information associated with content of the electronic document, and attribute information of the electronic document; and

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don't b) a processor unit, wherein the processor unit is adapted to associate at least associates the attribute information and the content information with the structure region information.

1745. (Currently amended): The system of claim 1644, wherein the structure region information governs the structure of the electronic document, the content information governs the content within each of the independently formattable regions region, and the attributes region attribute information governs the format of each of the independently formattable regions region.

1846. (Currently amended): The system of claim ~~1517~~ 1745, wherein the attribute region information further governs at the functionality associated with a selected particular independently formattable region.

1947. (Currently amended): The system of claim 1416, wherein the processor unit translates the region-structure information, the content information, and the attribute information, stored in the single file, into at least two documents prior to transmitting each of the documents across a network.

2048. (Currently amended): A computer usable medium having computer readable program code embodied therein for storing an electronic document, the computer readable program code comprising:

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- a) computer readable program for storing structure ~~region~~ information corresponding to at least two independently formattable regions of the electronic document; and
 - b) computer readable program for associating attribute information and content information with each of the independently formattable regions, wherein the attribute information governs ~~attributes governing~~ a presentation of the electronic document and the content information governs ~~governing~~ the content of each of the associated independently formattable regions ~~region when rendered~~, wherein the structure information and the content information are stored in a single file.

2149. (Currently amended): The computer usable medium of claim 2048, wherein the attribute information comprises functional attribute information.

2220. (Currently amended): The computer usable medium of claim 2049, wherein the structure ~~region~~ information, the content information, and the attribute information are stored in a document management table.

2324. (Currently amended): A system for processing an electronic document, comprising:

a) storage unit means for storing structure region-information relating to at least two independently formattable regions in the electronic document, content information, and attribute information of the electronic document, wherein at least the structure information and the content information are stored in a single file; and

b) processor unit means, wherein the processor unit means associates the attribute information and the content information with the structure region-information.

2422. (Currently amended): The system of claim 2324, wherein the structure region information governs the structure of the document, the content information governs the content within each of the independently formattable regionsregion, and the attributes regioninformation governs the format of each of the independently formattable regionsregion.

2523. (Currently amended): The system of claim 2422, wherein the attribute-region information further governs a the functionality associated with a selected particular independently formattable region.

2624. (Currently amended): The system of claim 2324, wherein the processor unit means translates the structure region-information, the content information, and the attribute information, stored in the single file, into at least two documents prior to transmitting each of the documents across a network.